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California State Indian Museum to Host Annual Gathering of Honored Elders

HONORED ELDERS DAY

Where: *California State Indian Museum, 2618 K Street, Sacramento*

When: Saturday, June 6, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Special Event Admission: FREE

Museum Admission: \$2 adults - \$1 youth 6-17: Children 5 & under are Free

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SACRAMENTO – Join the annual Gathering of honored Elders on Saturday June 6th from 10 am to 3 pm on the grounds of the State Indian Museum at 2618 K Street. On this day the State Indian Museum and California Indian community honor the Elders—the keepers of the traditions—for their role in passing down the history and culture of native California people.

Lunch will be served to tribal Elders from all over California: food, including Indian tacos, will be available for sale to other attendees. Native American dancers, community service organizations, and arts and craft vendors will be on hand to enrich the community experience. An official proclamation in celebration of the contributions of California's Indian people, from the Governors Office, will be shared by Larry Meyers of

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the Native American Heritage Commission. Native-made arts and crafts will be raffled off throughout the day.

The Gathering of Honored Elders Day is co-sponsored by California State Parks, the California Indian Heritage Center Foundation, Sacramento Native American Health Center and many California Indian tribes statewide.

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.About the California State Indian Museum

*The California State Indian Museum is operated by California State Parks and supported by the Sacramento Historic Sites Association. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for self-guided tours and school group visits, the museum is located in midtown Sacramento at **2618 K Street on the grounds of Sutter's Fort State Historic Park**. Artifacts on display in the museum include basketry, beadwork, dance regalia and exhibits about the ongoing traditions of various California Native American groups. Renowned exhibits include tiny, one centimeter-sized baskets, an eighteen-foot redwood canoe, and one on Ishi, reputedly the last of the Yahi people. Open daily, the museum hosts special events throughout the year. For more details please call **(916) 324-0971** or visit www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum.*